

LONG RANGE PLANNING

**TO:** Plan Review Steering Committee  
**FROM:** Long Range Planning Staff  
**DATE:** January 30, 2001  
**SUBJECT:** Summary Notes from the GMA Steering Committee meeting of  
January 24, 2001

**Attendance:**

Steering Committee Members:

Jack Burkman	City of Vancouver Council Member
Jay Cervený	City of La Center Council Member (P)
Dean Dossett	City of Camas Mayor (P)
Jeanne Harris	City of Vancouver Council Member (A)
John Idsinga	City of Battle Ground Council Member (P)
Mary Kufeldt-Antle	City of Camas Council Member (A)
Betty Sue Morris	Clark County Board of Commissioners (Chair)
Craig Pridemore	Clark County Board of Commissioners
Judie Stanton	Clark County Board of Commissioners

**(P) Primary (A) Alternate**

Public:

Marnie Allen	Clark County Schools
Kathy Folkers	Howsley Law Office
Ken Hadley	Self
Jessica Hoffman	CCAR
Dick Howsley	Howsley Law Office
Bruce Lindoff	Self
Dean Lookingbill	RTC
Alison Mielke	Friends of Clark County
Donna Satterlee	Riley Research Associates
Bud Van Cleve	NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
George Vartanian	Self
Scot Walstra	SWCA

Staff:

Monty Anderson	City of Washougal Planning Director
Bill Barron	Clark County Administrator
Rich Carson	Clark County Director of Community Development
Derek Chisholm	City of Vancouver Long Range Planning
Mike Conway	City of Washougal
Tamara DeRidder	City of Vancouver Long Range Planning Manager
Eric Eisemann	Cities of La Center & Ridgefield
Debbie Elven	C-Tran
Lianne Forney	Clark County Public Outreach & Information Director
Bob Higbie	Clark County Long Range Planning
Eric Holmes	City of Battle Ground Planning Director
Mary Keltz	Clark County Board of Commissioner's Office
Patrick Lee	Clark County Long Range Planning Manager
Rich Lowry	Clark County Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Dale Miller	Clark County Long Range Planning
Oliver Orjiako	Clark County Long Range Planning
Ken Pearrow	Clark County GIS & Assessment
Marty Snell	City of Camas Planning Manager
Bryan Snodgrass	City of Vancouver Planner
Josh Warner	Clark County Community Development

### **1. Roll call / Introductions**

Morris calls the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.

### **2. Review December 14 Steering Committee Notes.**

Harris has a correction of the notes at the top of page five. The notes should indicate that Vancouver supports enforcement mechanisms.

Burkman wants the enforcement mechanisms in the community plan. There is discussion of the role of recommendations from the steering committee to the Planning Commission and the Board. Morris says that places where agreement is not reached each jurisdiction should send recommendations to the Commissioners. The City of Vancouver presented a letter to the steering committee and this will be discussed at the next meeting. Enforcement also needs to be talked about more in a future meeting.

### **3. Presentation of Public Opinion Survey results.**

Donna Satterlee from Riley Research gives presentation on public opinion polling. See the survey document that was circulated to the steering committee for details.

#### **4. Response to the historic density issues raised at the Dec. 14 meeting.**

Historic density in Vancouver UGA is addressed. DeRidder presents the results of Vancouver's staff review of this issue. Looking at 60/40 compared to where we have come from and where are we going. Highest density may be going to the greenfields, which are furthest away from core. It is noted that the plan does not address infill. Prior to adoption of the comprehensive plan, density was 5.9. It is 8.1 since 1990. This is a significant increase. The TAC was previously saying they were looking at planned density. Vancouver is recommending a baseline be adopted in order to compare to in the future.

Harris encourages other jurisdictions to do the same research so that we know where we are currently. Lee says that County staff came out with very similar densities. Post-GMA densities were not quite as high, but close. Burkman asked the question of when is the baseline from which we are to compare. Morris asks if the info is available to all jurisdictions. Lee says it requires a lot of work. Ken Pearrow says other jurisdictions can use ClarkView to do the numbers. Harris says Vancouver is recommending a density baseline. This will be talked about at the next meeting.

#### **5. Process for bringing closure to major policy discussions phase.**

If the committee does not agree on all issues, that is still closure for the group Morris states. The question is asked if employment should be on the agenda. Lee talks about the agenda for the joint meetings. Feb 1 meeting is on population projections and tied this to the employment projection. What ratio jobs to population should be used? How do we then allocate to jurisdictions? Look to vacant buildable lands and then how to allocate the remainder. Need to look at input from the public and the committee. Feb 8 meeting looks at vacant buildable lands. Then move to policy questions of expanding UGBs. Feb 22 will look at rural issues. March 1 will look at 60/40 and 6/16 issues.

Dossett says we agreed to 75/25 at the last meeting. Pridemore says that the Board and the Planning Commission still need to make the final decision. Burkman asks if there will be a report from the steering committee meetings. Morris says that the decisions are with the Board, but the recommendations will be presented to the Planning Commission. Stanton says that there is still a public process to go through. Idsinga asks about another meeting to discuss the Vancouver letter.

Dossett says the letter is only a recommendation. Morris says that the committee is to see where the cities can come to consensus. Not all issues will be agreed upon. The minutes say that we agreed, but this was challenged. Each city should still come to the hearing and tell the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners what they think. At the next meeting in early February the committee will meet at the Department of Community Development to view the draft maps. Everyone should know what everybody else's maps look like. Burkman says that this committee is about sharing.

The primary decision is the population projections. Next meeting is Feb 7. The hearings are for the individual cities to present their opinions. Pridemore suggests the reports could be in writing to free up time for the public. The joint meetings may give

some resolution to the issues and we will see how that affects this group. Morris says to email the joint meeting agendas to the steering committee members. Lee says there is a summary available on the web. Lee says the Feb 1 staff report has already been distributed. The packet will be sent to the steering committee.

Stanton asks if we are clear. There are not future meetings scheduled. What are we going to talk about. Morris says the next meeting will talk about enforcement and available buildable lands. It cannot wait more than two weeks. Morris does not want the members to say they have not had their say. Pridemore says ideally they were to be tied up by now, but there still need to be discussions and the timing is not perfect. The commissioners need feedback on what to discuss further. Written comments should be given to the Planning Commission. Pridemore says an enforcement discussion is important and to look at the options. Other issues may be decided by the cities. Kufeldt-Antle says the members need to go back to their cities and see what needs to be talked about. Burkman says in late July there was a list and we can decide if the issues have been discussed and/or has consensus been reached. Morris says staff will get a list of the questions to the steering committee members prior to the next meeting. Send the suggestions to Pat.

## **6. Technical Advisory Committee Update**

Lee says vacant buildable lands info distributed.

## **7. Other**

Morris asks how do we get Ridgefield at the table.

## **8. Adjourn**

The Steering Committee adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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